



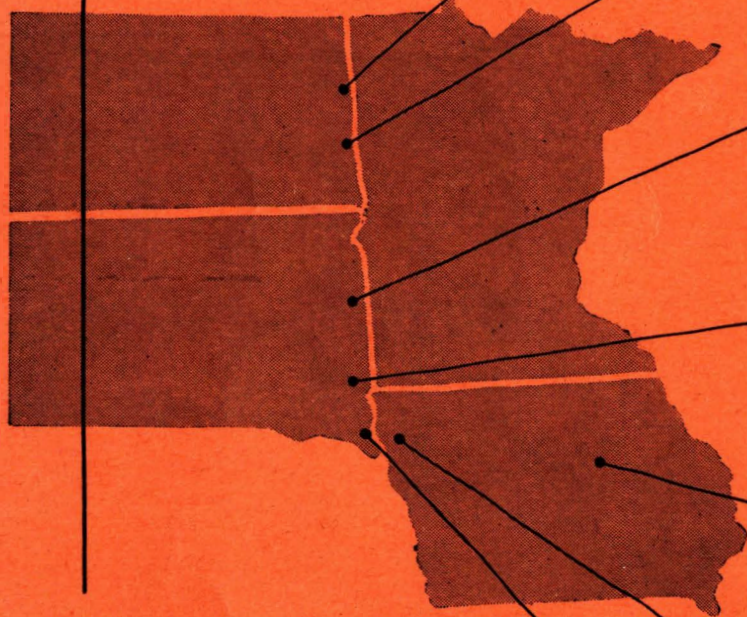
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1955 FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE

NORTH CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



NORTH DAKOTA U.

Grand Forks
2,600 Students
Green and White
Sioux

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Fargo
2,000 Students
Green and Yellow
Bison

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

Brookings
2,200 Students
Yellow and Blue
Jackrabbits

AUGUSTANA

Sioux Falls
800 Students
Blue and Gold
Vikings

IOWA STATE TEACHERS

Cedar Falls
2,300 Students
Purple and Gold
Panthers

MORNINGSIDE

750 Students
Maroon and White
Sioux City
Maroons

SOUTH DAKOTA U.

Vermillion
1,600 Students
Vermilion and White
Coyotes

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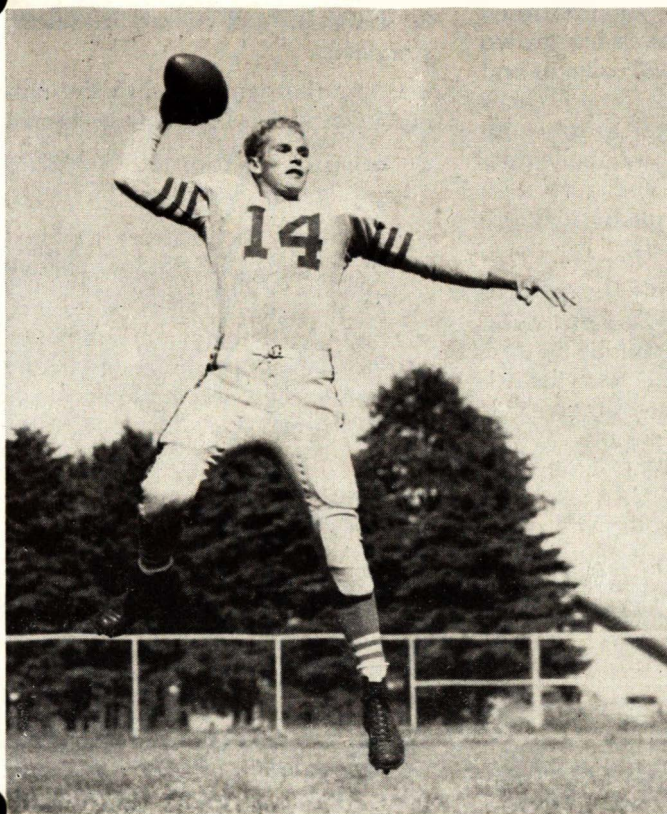
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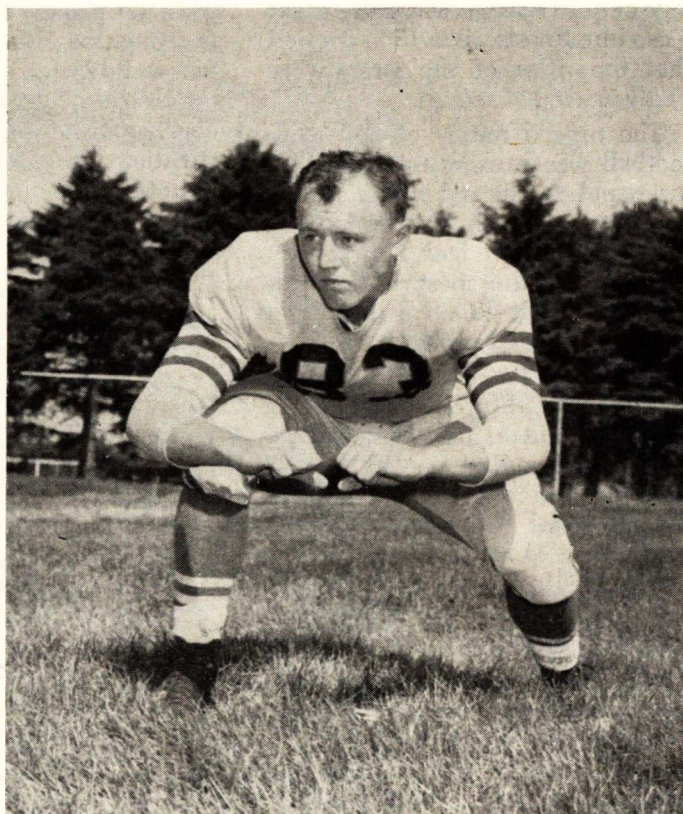
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NCAA

With greater frequency sports pages are carrying items about actions of the NCAA—rules changes, television policy, post-season games and many other subjects. For an explanation of what the NCAA is and what it does, The Sportlite asked Wayne Duke to write an article explaining the NCAA. A former sports publicity director at Iowa State Teachers College and the University of Colorado, Wayne is now administrative assistant to the executive director of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. State College believes that it gains from participation in NCAA activities and benefits from the prestige of NCAA membership.

Intercollegiate football had been played at South Dakota State College only 10 seasons when President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 decreed that the rules of the game were badly in need of reform.

The rugged nature of collegiate football was causing too many injuries and deaths and public clamor had risen to such crescendo that many institutions had temporarily discontinued the sport. Others advocated that it be abolished from the intercollegiate program.

President Roosevelt's alarm, coupled with the conviction of colleges and universities that athletics represented a vital part of education, resulted in the formulation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association to meet this crisis.

The NCAA evolved from a meeting of 13 colleges and universities called in 1905 to bring about these reforms in the playing rules of college football. A permanent organization was formed March 31, 1906.

Over the past half century, the expanded activities of the NCAA

have been manifest in the growth of intercollegiate athletics in all of its phases. From its organizational meeting, the Association has grown to a membership of 465 colleges and universities, athletic conferences and associations. These member institutions provide intercollegiate athletic competition for more than 130,000 students annually in more than 26 different sports.

The NCAA is simply the colleges and universities of the nation speaking of and acting on athletic matters at the national level. These institutions have joined together in this one Association for purposes of athletic discussion, legislation and administration. The NCAA is completely responsive to the will of its member institutions. It concerns itself with any phase of college athletics which spreads across regional lines and becomes national in character, and a majority of its member institutions concur that national action is needed.

These member institutions carry on many diversified activities

through the NCAA. For example, they:

- establish and maintain athletic standards.
- formulate and publish the official playing rules for college sports.
- conduct National Collegiate Championship events in 13 sports.
- maintain the official national statistics and records of college sports.
- provide financial and other assistance to groups interested in the promotion and encouragement of intercollegiate and intramural athletics.
- conduct studies as a means of developing solutions to athletic problems; i.e., the recent surveys on television, post-season events, length and time of playing and practice seasons, admission taxes, college baseball, etc.
- participate in the U. S. Olympic and Pan American movements in matters of fund-raising, sports organization and the selection of

coaches and athletes for United States teams.

- administer a group insurance program providing catastrophe medical coverage.
- maintain a large film library covering play in National Collegiate Championship events.

The NCAA operates through committees elected from and by the membership to perform specific functions. Committees are elected either by an annual Convention or selected by the 18-man Council, which is the policy-directing body of the Association between Conventions.

For example, the colleges and universities annually elect 12 NCAA rules committees to "formulate, copyright and publish the rules of play for the government of collegiate sports."

From time to time, committees are appointed by the Council to handle special assignments, such as the NCAA Television Committee and Committee on Infractions. These Committees and their functions are products of a unique unity of purpose among the members

which has disregarded geographical boundaries and enabled the colleges and universities to cope with current problems.

Other products of this unity, accomplished in recent months, have been the Association's successful efforts to eliminate the federal admission tax on intercollegiate athletic competition and the adoption of the "College Player Rule" by major league owners to permit college baseball players to complete their education prior to signing professional baseball contracts.

The recent development of the Association has been highlighted by an influx of smaller institutions into NCAA membership and their integration into its activities. Association membership since 1949 has increased by 122 colleges and universities, principally by institutions with undergraduate male enrollments under 1,500. Current membership rosters of the Association list 286 of the 424 active members—over two-thirds—as institutions with less than 1,500 male students.

Recent legislation providing for the establishment of a Vice-President-at-Large, to represent the in-

terests of the smaller institutions of the Association, and the reorganization of the College Committee to provide representation from each of the eight NCAA geographical districts, have been instrumental in this trend.

Two members of the South Dakota State College athletic staff are active in the affairs of the College Committee. Football Coach Ralph Ginn is Fifth District member of this Committee, which "considers and brings to the attention of the Association . . . any athletic matter of common interest to the smaller institutions of the Association." Athletic Director Jack Frost is chairman of a group studying athletic administration in connection with an Invitational Work Conference on College Athletics, to be held at the University of Chicago, November 21-22.

South Dakota State is one of four North Central Conference institutions holding active membership in the NCAA. State College joined the Association in 1951, as did Augustana. Iowa State Teachers College has been an NCAA member since 1936 and North Dakota University since 1949.



Halfback Bill McDonald gains 56 yards in North Dakota U. game.

South Dakota State College teams play to win but do not lose sight of other considerations.



football for fun

Keeping up with the Joneses can be an expensive operation, many families have discovered to their sorrow. Some colleges have found the same difficulty in keeping up with the football prowess of some of the "big name" teams in the grid world.

During recent years it has been common to read that another college has given up the sport because of continuing deficits amounting to more than \$300,000 in a single year.

That's a lot of money to lose in one year. Such an amount would support the entire athletic program at State College, or a college with similar athletic philosophies, for ten years or more.

The "middle-sized college," as State College might be called, is able to support a program of athletics on a fairly high level of competition while avoiding most of the "evils" often associated with "big-time" college and university sports.

Jackrabbit teams have been able to compile an enviable record in athletics throughout the years and compete on a fairly even basis with even some of the larger colleges. At the same time the values of football and other sports as integral parts of the educational process have been maintained.

"We play football for the educational values and the fun it is," exclaims Coach Ralph Ginn. "Of

course we want to win," he says, "that's part of the lesson of life young men can learn from football; they also learn to lose gracefully even after they have fought their hearts out in a tough game."

"We're not good losers," he explains, "because we don't enjoy it one bit. On the other hand we try to accept our defeats like gentlemen, knowing that we have done our best."

A motto hanging on the wall in his office pointedly shows the State College philosophy in this matter. It says, "To be born a gentleman is an accident, to die one is an achievement."

This is one of the values of foot-

ball that a player should be able to get in any college, large or small. There are other virtues that are more exclusive to the small and mid-bracket football schools.

A player need not choose between athletics and an education. Most of the men on State College teams have definite goals in life and are intent on getting an education. Many former Jackrabbit stars are successful in practically all fields of endeavor.

No coach enjoys having some of his top players miss a good share of several practice sessions each week because of "late labs." Yet at State College the player is allowed to continue in the sport because education comes first.

"If we cut every football player who had a late class, our squads would number closer to 15 men rather than the 40 we usually carry," Ginn points out.

Other so-called "evils" are less apparent or kept under better control in small college football than by its big time brethren.

Gate receipts are usually less important than in the big football schools where the click of the turnstiles at the stadium may determine if the mortgage is to be met, how much the coaches are paid and among other things, whether the sport is to be continued.

State College is of course concerned about gate receipts as the

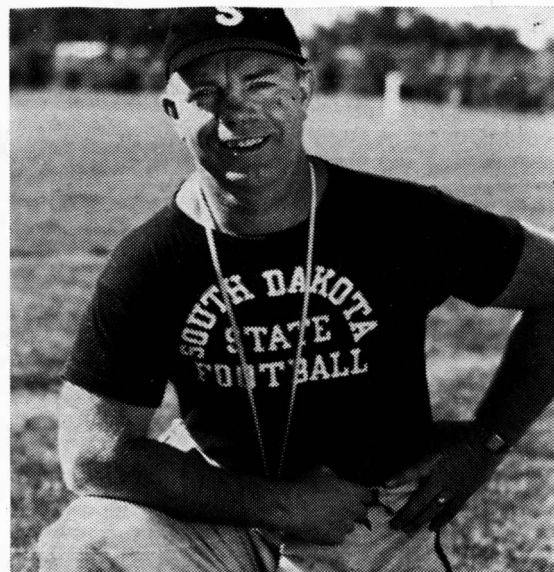
athletic program is required to be self-sufficient. However, salaries of the coaches and several other items of expense are paid from college funds. Gate receipts contribute to the athletic program but do not make or break it as in some schools.

Subsidization is not as large a problem in the smaller college. Perhaps to the coach it is more of a headache than in the bigger school for the amount of assistance is less. At State College, for instance, less than half of the athletes receive scholarships of any kind, let alone for athletic ability. Most of the athletes are anxious to get an education and pay part of their expenses by holding jobs.

The type of athletic program State College has will never put the Jackrabbits into the big-time class but it allows young men to gain the many benefits from sports while getting a good education.

Over the years State College teams have done well in all sports. Jim Emmerich's track teams have dominated the North Central Conference since World War II and basketball teams under Jack Frost and Sox Walseth have been dangerous to opponents and interesting to watch.

Since Ralph Ginn became head football coach in 1947, his teams have won 74 percent of their games in conference play with 32 victories,



"We don't enjoy losing football games; but we try to accept our defeats like gentlemen knowing we have done our best," comments Ralph Ginn, Jackrabbit coach.

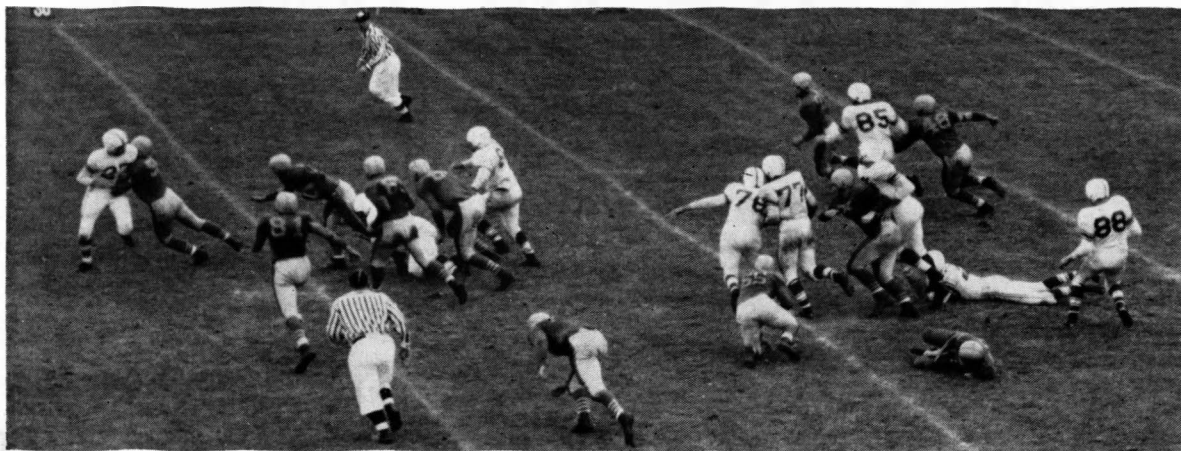
ten losses and four ties. Of the ten defeats, four came during the 1948 season.

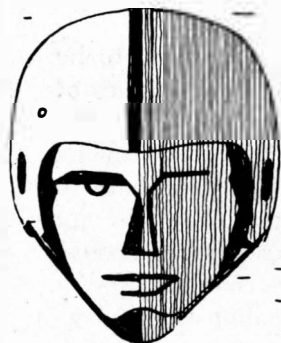
The Jackrabbits during that time have won two league championships outright and shared in two others. They posted an undefeated season in 1950.

Against all opposition during Ralph's term at State College the Jackrabbits have won 66 percent of their tilts. They have met such "big-time" schools as Marquette and Iowa State without being overwhelmed.

State College has done right well by sticking to the philosophy that athletics are a part of education.

Jackrabbit teams have shown themselves to be tough opponents in contests with much larger schools. Here is action with Iowa State at Ames, Iowa.





bulwarks of state teams

ALL CONFERENCE PLAYERS

Since Ralph Ginn took over the State College football coaching reins in 1947, the Jackrabbits have won or tied for top spot in the North Central Conference four times. No small part in this achievement has been played by the outstanding gridders on these teams—the all-conference performers.

These men have been the bulwarks of the Jack teams during the most successful period in the school's history. They are the fast, hard-running backs and the aggressive hard-to-move linemen who have made State College teams the scourge of the conference.

In the past eight years, 27 Jackrabbit football players have been chosen by conference officials as among the "best in the league." Altogether 34 places have been given to State College gridders as seven of the stars were chosen for honors in two years.

Approximately two out of every three of the grid stalwarts were South Dakota boys as 19 out of the 27 all-conference players were "home-grown." Nearby Minnesota has contributed four State College players to the honor team while two

of the gridders have been from Chicago and one each from Iowa and North Dakota.

You don't have to be especially big to become a football star, according to the statistics of the past all-conference performers. Only seven of the players were over six foot and only five tipped the scales at over 200 pounds.

Largest of the "super-stars" was Dominic Klawitter, 6-6, 286-pound giant, who made the team as a sophomore in 1953. Shortest gridder to be chosen for the squad was Warren Williamson, a 5-9, 166-pound halfback who made the team in 1950. Lightest Jacks on the all-loop teams were Paul Gilbert, end in 1947, and halfback Tom Tabor in 1948. Both weighed 163 pounds.

As might be expected, representation on the all-conference team has been directly proportional to the success of the season for the Jackrabbits. During the years that the Jacks have won or tied for the loop title, they were awarded 22 places on the honor team while only 12 places were allotted the Jacks in the other four years.

Largest delegation from State

College on the team was in 1950 when seven players from the Jack championship team were picked for honors. Smallest representation on the team was in 1948 when only one player was named to the squad.

Two State gridders have been "twice-honored" by the North Central Conference as they have been named "most valuable" in the league in addition to their all-conference selection. Herb Bartling won the award in 1950 and Jerry Welch tied for the award with Buck Miller of Morningside last year.

Not only all-conference recognition has come to State College's ace gridiron men but several have also received nation-wide honors.

Last year was probably the greatest year in the school's history in the matter of national honors for its gridders. Three Jackrabbits, Welch, Hank Backlund and Jack Nitz were honored on All-American teams.

Backlund, a speedy, bruising center, was picked for a second team position on the Associated Press All-American small college team while Welch climaxed a brilliant four-year rampage on the State College gridiron by copping a second team position on Williamson's Mid-Bracket All-American team. Nitz and Backlund also won honorable mention on the Williamson team.

Herb Bartling, all-conference quarterback in 1949 and 1950, was picked for a third-team slot on the Associated Press All-American small college team.

"Greatest of the great" as State College gridders go are probably those Jackrabbits who were all-conference selections for two years. Those to achieve this honor since 1947 were Don Bartlett, end—'49, '50; Dale Bowyer, tackle—'49, '50; George Medchill, guard and center—'49, '50; Bartling, quarterback—'49, '50; Palmer "Pete" Retzlaff, fullback—'51, '52; Welch, halfback and quarterback—'53, '54; and Roger Denker, fullback—'53, '54.

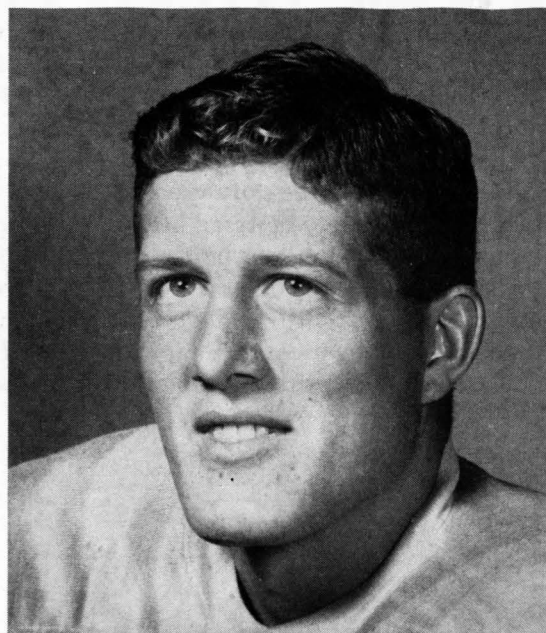
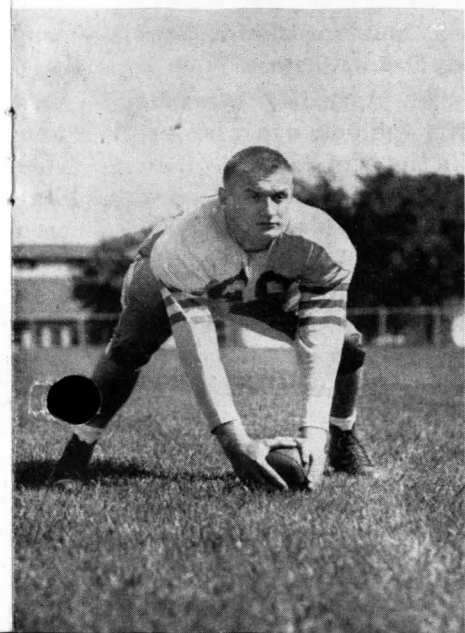
JACKRABBIT ALL-CONFERENCE STARS

1947	Arnold Cook	G	188	6-1	Sr.	Sioux Falls
	Paul Gilbert	E	163	5-11	Sr.	Mitchell
	Don Volk	HB	183	5-10	Soph.	St. Peter, Minn.
1948	Tom Tabor	HB	163	5-11	Jr.	Madison
1949	Herb Bartling	QB	170	6	Jr.	Brookings
	George Medchill	G	194	6	Jr.	Clarkfield, Minn.
	Darrell Zimmerman	HB	190	6	Sr.	Tracy, Minn.
	Don Bartlett	E	175	6-1	Jr.	Centerville
	Dale Bowyer	T	225	5-11	Soph.	Yankton
1950	Herb Bartling	QB	173	6	Sr.	Brookings
	George Medchill	C	192	6	Sr.	Clarkfield, Minn.
	Don Bartlett	E	178	6-1	Sr.	Centerville
	Dale Bowyer	T	218	5-11	Jr.	Yankton
	Harry Gibbons	FB	192	6	Jr.	Wagner
	Warren Williamson	HB	166	5-9	Sr.	Hurley
	Howard Amen	C	188	6	Sr.	Canton
1951	Marvin Kool	E	188	6-2	Sr.	Hawarden, Ia.
	Doug Eggers	G	185	5-11	Sr.	Wagner
	Robert Durland	G	184	5-10	Jr.	Brookings
	Palmer Retzlaff	FB	196	6-1	Jr.	Ellendale, N. D.
	Dallas Hoff	HB	180	5-10	Jr.	Aberdeen
1952	Lou Guida	G	209	5-9	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
	Leonard Kortmeyer	C	190	5-11	Sr.	Burke
	Palmer Retzlaff	FB	195	6-1	Sr.	Ellendale, N. D.
1953	Jerry Welch	HB	180	5-11	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.
	Roger Denker	FB	188	6	Jr.	Redfield
	Dick Walker	G	195	5-11	Sr.	Barnard
	Dominic Klawitter	C	258	6-6	Soph.	Chicago, Ill.
	Loren Englund	E	188	6-2	Sr.	Clark
1954	Jerry Welch	QB	184	5-11	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.
	Roger Denker	FB	192	6	Sr.	Redfield
	Jack Nitz	T	218	6	Sr.	Brookings
	Roger Kerns	G	185	5-9	Sr.	Brookings
	Harold Backlund	C	205	6-2	Sr.	Watertown

HAROLD BACKLUND
little all-American

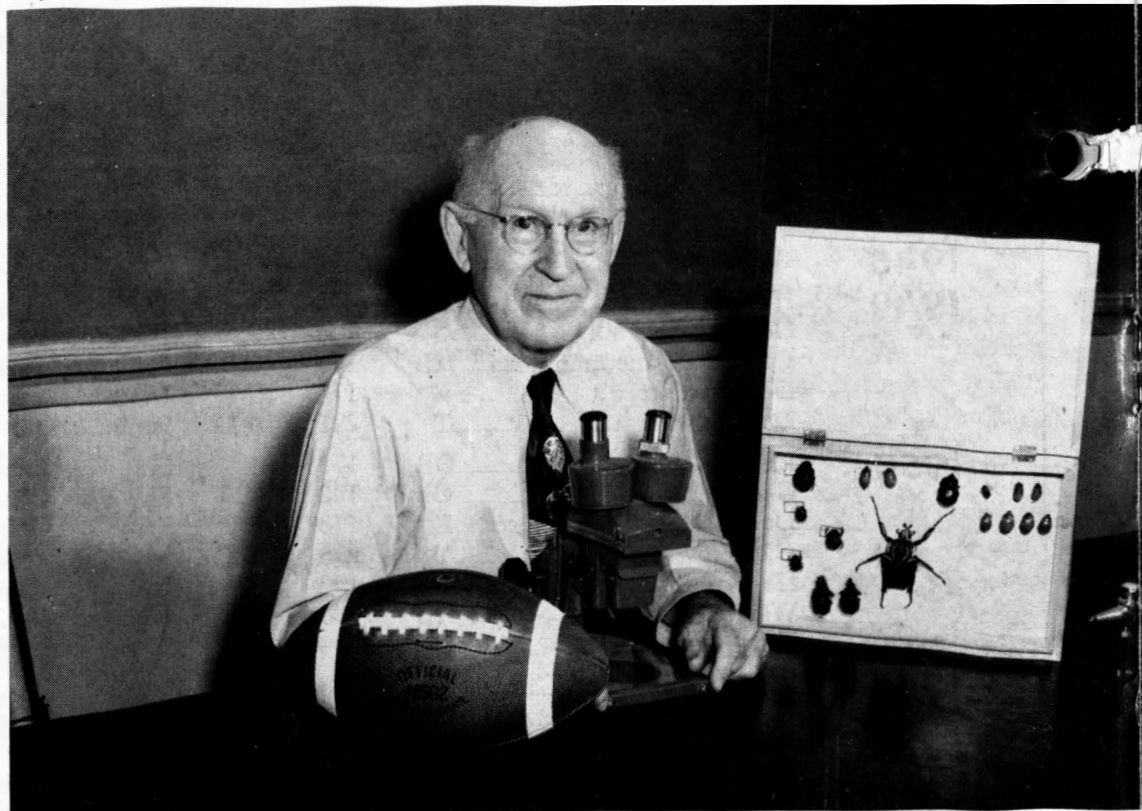
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HARRY SEVERIN: *entomologist and conference architect*

In a news story last fall, hidden among facts and figures of the annual North Central Conference meeting, new officers of the league were announced. The story related that Harry C. Severin was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the conference.

To folks in the territory covered by the sprawling North Central league, this was not news. After all, Harry Severin has held the position of secretary-treasurer since 1930 and his re-election was expected by all.

Not apparent in the story was the fact that conference representatives had conferred a unique honor on the professor of entomology at South Dakota State College by naming him permanent secretary.

No doubt the reporter writing the

story missed the significance of this event because the modest professor with intense interests in athletics and insects had no wish for personal publicity for fear it would detract attention from the "important" activities of the conference meeting.

This incident is typical of Harry Severin's relationship with the North Central Conference which he regards so highly. One of the founders of the league, he has served it faithfully and with little reward for years.

Reward enough for the little man with the big twinkle in his eyes is the fact that the conference is running smoothly.

It was in 1921 that a small group of men met in Minneapolis and decided to organize an athletic conference that would provide more

equal competition than the members were getting at that time. State College was then a member of the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference and Severin was serving as faculty athletic representative.

Competition in the newly-formed league began in 1922. Its membership was North Dakota University, North Dakota State, South Dakota University and Morningside, as well as South Dakota State.

Of that organizing committee, Severin is the only one who is still active in the conference.

Several times since the loop was organized, the make-up has changed. Nebraska Wesleyan, Creighton, Omaha University, St. Thomas and Wayne Teachers were members at various times. Augustana and Iowa Teachers are now

as chairman of this group for more than 40 years. He is still a member but H. B. MacDougal became chairman this past year.

As secretary of the North Central Conference, Severin is responsible for most of the paper work and details. He makes reports on each season, checks expenses and in general makes sure that everything is running smoothly. His tiny office on the third floor of Agricultural Hall is jammed with conference records, statistics and reports, all carefully filed.

During his years of service to the conference, he has earned the high regard of those who work with him. Dean R. F. Patterson, faculty representative of South Dakota University, sums it up nicely by saying, "Few men in America have made a finer contribution to intercollegiate athletics than Harry Severin."

R. B. "Jack" Frost, athletic director at State College, says, "Harry has always worked for clean athletics and adherence to the rules. He has contributed more to State College athletics than any other one man. His ardent support has never faltered."

Harry in turn is proud of the North Central Conference and maintains that its rules will compare favorably with those of any other conference in the country. He feels that the purpose of the athlete at college should be to get an education, just like any other student. He keeps at heart the interest of the student when considering athletics.

Severin is proud of the State College athletic coaches who to him represent the ideal type of men to be in the coaching profession. He said, "We have at the present time one of the best athletic staffs in the country. That includes all of the coaches without exception, for they live up to the rules of the conference and associations to which they belong."

Laughingly the entomologist

compares athletics at the present time with when he came to State college. He served as baseball coach for one year at a time when the diamond sport was played in the fall and outranked football and basketball in attendance.

Track was also a popular sport, outdrawing most others at the gate. And football, which has become big business in many parts of the country, was played at the city park—with no bleachers.

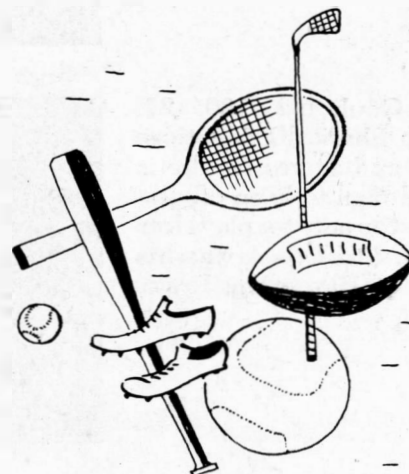
In addition to his years of yeoman work behind the scenes in athletics, Harry has built up an outstanding reputation in his other major field of interest—entomology.

His insect collection which he started as a youngster now numbers more than 1,200,000 specimens. All but a relative few, about 50,000, are North American species collected in his many travels to remote parts of this continent.

His grasshopper and leaf-hopper collections are among the most complete in the country. He has discovered new, undescribed species, several of which have been named after him.

Commenting on the insects which carry his name, he says, "Now I won't be forgotten in history."

It's not likely that history would overlook Harry C. Severin, either in entomology or athletics.



"tough sledding" anticipated for the Jackrabbits

1955 PROSPECTS

Lack of depth is one of the key problems facing the Jackrabbits in the 1955 season as they attempt to bring home the title for the third straight year.

Coach Ralph Ginn's gridders could be a major factor in the North Central Conference race if they can escape the rash of injuries which plagued the 1954 team. Should the injury problem rear its ugly head in major proportions, the Jacks could be left behind in the title chase.

Although the lineup is not set this early, it appears that Ginn can field a good first team with adequate replacements about one deep at some positions. Biggest problems are at the tackles and the all-important quarterback spot. Both have been

bolstered by switching men from other positions but only competition can tell how well the changes will work.

There are plenty of other contenders ready to step into the throne room should the Jacks falter. Morningside, co-champion last season, could be even better in 1955. Iowa Teachers will be dangerous and could take the laurels. South Dakota U. should be ready to make its bid this year. North Dakota State's building program may begin to pay dividends. North Dakota U. could surprise the league if the Sioux sophomores come through. Augustana promises to be stronger.

Missing from the 1955 Jackrabbit team are five all-conference players,

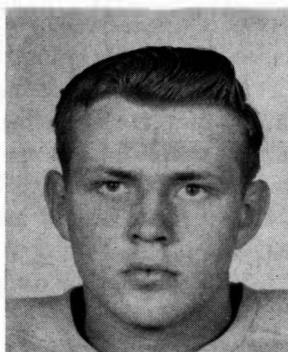
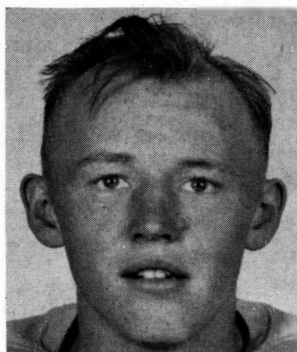
including two who received All-American recognition. Gone are Hank Backlund, second team center on the Associated Press All-American team; Jerry Welch, leading back on Williamson's second team Mid-Bracket All-American; Jack Nitz, honorable mention tackle in Little All-American choices, fullback Roger Denker and guard Roger Kerns.

Also missing are end Stan Uhler, graduated; tackle Dennis McLaughlin, service; guard Emery Braa, graduated; quarterback Pete Franz, transferred; halfback Dallas Hoff, completed competition; and halfback Mike Radtke, graduated, all regulars at one time or another last year.

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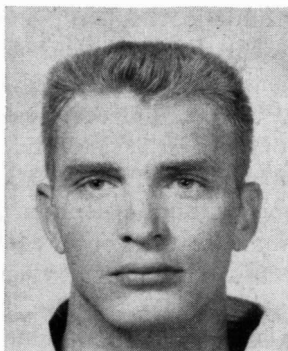
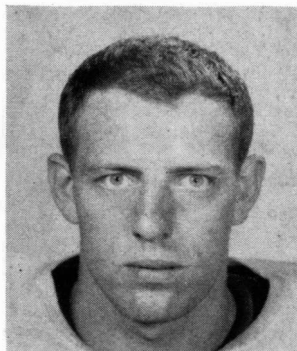
The biggest worry a year ago, the end positions are now being raided to fill weak spots in the line. Led by Co-Captain Jerry Acheson, any one of five players must be considered potential starters.

Jerry Acheson, 6-1, 200, 20, Senior, Animal Husbandry. Fast and an excellent pass receiver Jerry has, developed into a good blocker. Could be tops in the conference. 1955 co-captain. Coached by Clyde Cotton at Flandreau.



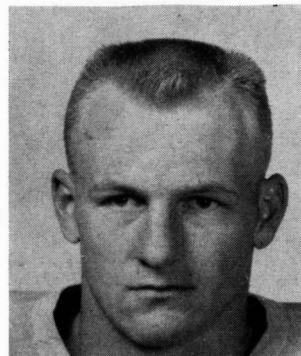
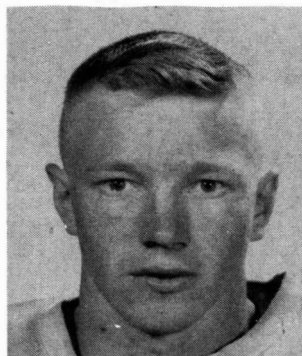
Bruce Beier, 5-10, 180, 21, Senior, Pharmacy. Returned to end spot, was in backfield last year. A hard worker with fine attitude, he will be counted upon for lots of action. Played at Freeman under Coach Ted Morgan.

Milo Gaul, 6-2, 190, 22, Senior, Physical Education. Smart and aggressive, he is a hard man to keep off the team. Certain to play lots of ball. Arnie Cook was his coach at Hawarden, Iowa.



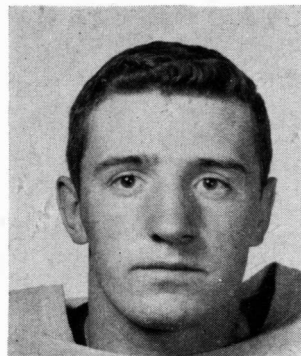
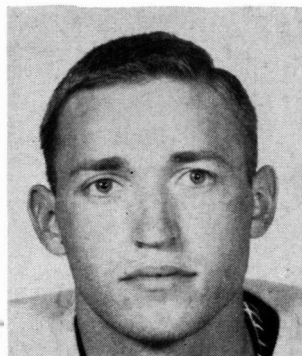
Bill Herman, 6-2, 180, 21, Sophomore, Physical Education. Considered a great prospect two years ago, he returned to school last spring and looked good in drills. Fast and a fine pass receiver. Red Clunker was his coach at Watertown.

Ellis Jensen, 6-2, 200, 20, Sophomore, Physical Education. Should add depth and strength to end position. Was out of school last year. Strong with lots of desire. Played at Meckling under Al Heckel.



Jerry Schneider, 5-11, 175, 19, Sophomore, Physical Education. Up from the freshman squad, he should develop into a good performer. Played his prep ball at Alexandria.

Don Tuttle, 6-1, 180, 21, Senior, Physical Education. After three years of perseverance, Don appears to be ready for lots of action this fall. Ken Gerberding was his coach at Arlington.

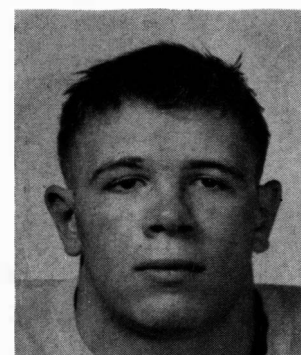
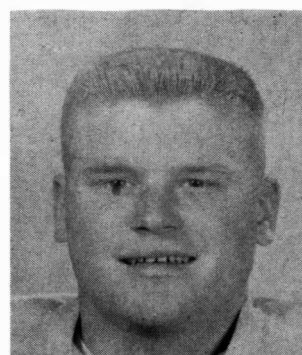


Al Zimmermann, 6-0, 175, 20, Sophomore, Physical Education. Up from the frosh, he looked rugged on defense in spring drills. Played at Aberdeen under Mylo Jackson.

TACKLES

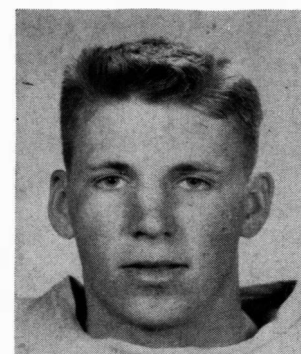
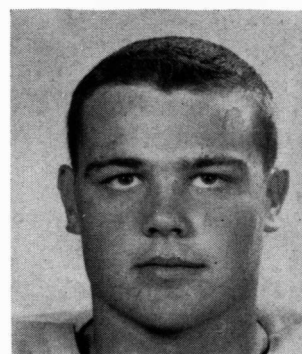
Loss of key men once again makes this position a problem. Both regulars from 1954 have departed and other losses make it necessary to count on sophomores and men experienced at other positions.

Bob Boals, 5-10, 190, 20, Junior, Animal Husbandry. Tough and eager, he should move up this year at either guard or tackle. Merritt Christopherson was his coach as South Sioux City, Nebr.



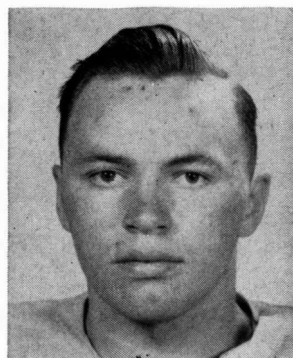
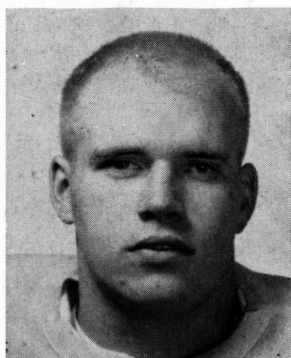
Wayne Haensel, 6-2, 195, 18, Sophomore, Agricultural Education. Outstanding lineman on the freshman team, he is tough and aggressive. Coaches are counting heavily on him. Played prep ball at Walnut Grove, Minn.

Phil Haan, 6-2, 210, 21, Junior, Physical Education. Has the physical potential for college football. Missed spring practice to be weights man in track. Played under Coach Red Clinker at Watertown.



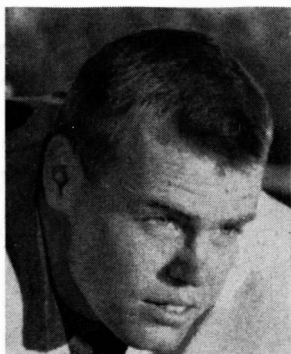
Harwood Hoeft, 6-3, 215, 20, Junior, Agriculture. Was a regular end last year but moved to tackle to strengthen the position. Big, fast and aggressive, he could be one of the best in the league. Bill Cook was his coach at Groton.

Ronald James, 6-2, 230, 19, Sophomore, Agricultural Economics. Big and powerful, he has lots of potential ability. Needs seasoning but should develop. Played under Wally Piper at Canton.



Gerald Lund, 5-11, 195, 20, Junior, Engineering. A good, smart and strong candidate, he should move up this year. Played at Rapid City under Coach Wes Evans.

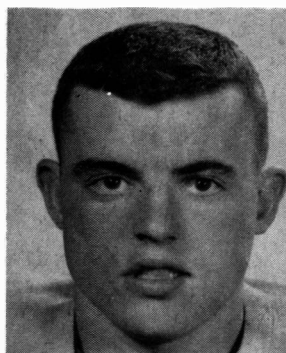
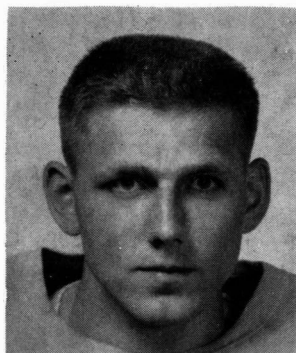
Darrel Veal, 6-0, 185, 20, Sophomore, Engineering. Up from the frosh, he can play center, guard or tackle. Should develop. Missed spring drills due to an appendectomy. Played prep ball at Lemmon.



GUARDS

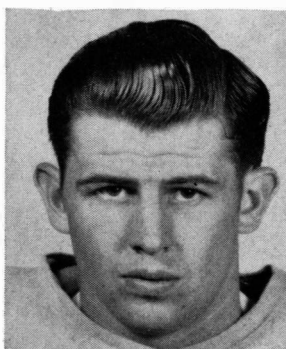
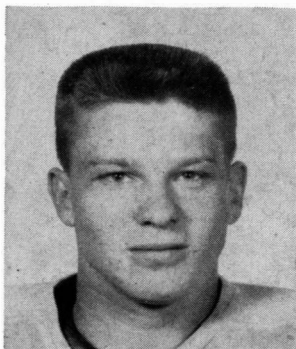
Loss of three key men at this position makes it a question mark. Emery Braa and Roger Kerns were graduated and Dick Steiner has been moved to quarterback. Carrying the load will be several solid performers from last year plus some newcomers.

Aaron Bade, 6-1, 190, 18, Sophomore, Engineering. Showed potential in spring practice and should develop. Played at Groton under Coach Bill Cook.



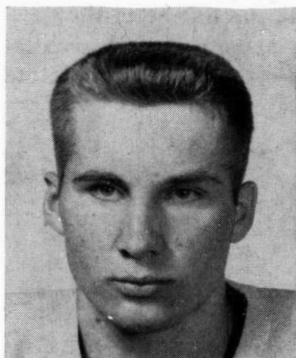
Tom Fitzgibbons, 5-10, 185, 20, Junior, Animal Husbandry. Very aggressive and with lots of desire, he is bigger and stronger than last year. Should be valuable this fall. Nusier Salem was his coach at Sioux Falls Cathedral.

Don Krull, 5-11, 192, 29, Senior, Engineering. An occasional starter last year, Don does everything well at either guard spot. Is counted on for considerable service. Played under Lem Herting at Worthington, Minn.

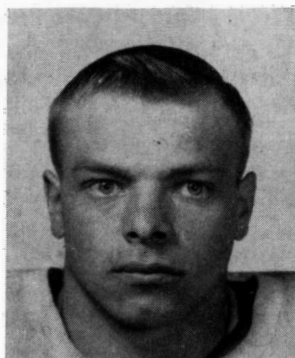


Don Manning, 5-11, 195, 21, Senior, Physical Education. Moved from the backfield last spring, he is a hard and willing worker with lots of desire. Prepped at Alcester.

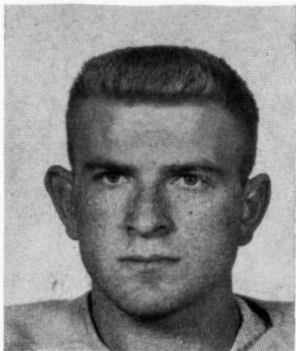
Don Minnick, 6-0, 180, 18, Sophomore Agriculture. An eager newcomer, he showed considerable promise in spring drills. Should develop. Played for Coach Bob Collison at Montevideo, Minn.



Leonard Spanjers, 5-9, 185, 19, Sophomore, Engineering. An outstanding player on the frosh team, he is fast, smart and possessed of considerable grid talent. Played for Coach Lee Dolan at Milbank.



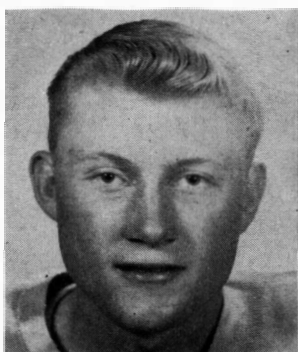
John Winkle, 6-0, 185, 21, Senior, Engineering. A regular last year, he should be better this season. Is fast, and smart with lots of desire. Dwayne Clodfelter was his coach at Huron.



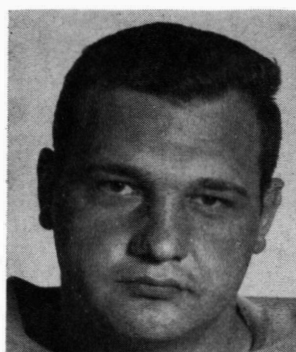
CENTERS

Led by giant Dick Klawitter, the centers will attempt to continue the brand of play that earned Little All-American recognition for Hank Backlund last year.

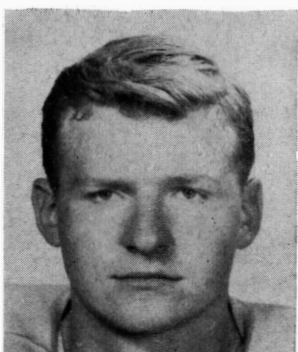
Arlo Hemme, 6-3, 185, 20, Junior, Agriculture. Converted from end, he has the physique and speed to be a T-formation center. Played under Coach Arling Anderson at Luverne, Minn.



Dominic Klawitter, 6-6, 286, 25, Senior, Physical Education. Probably the biggest player in college football today, Dick was all-conference two years ago. Should reach his peak this fall and could be great. Played at Bowen high school, Chicago, under Coach Lloyd Pekelsma.



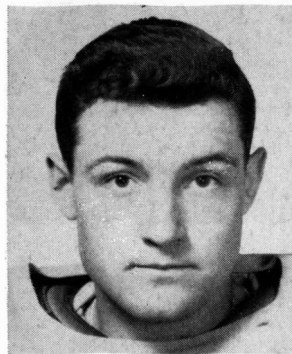
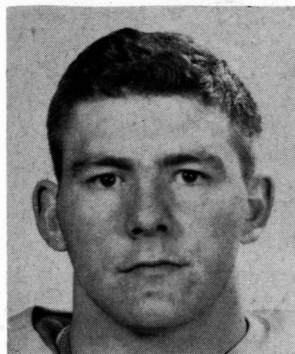
Peter Shaputis, 6-0, 198, 21, Senior, Economics. A consistent performer and a fine offensive center, Pete is counted on for considerable action. Von Bremer was his coach at Linbloom high in Chicago.



QUARTERBACKS

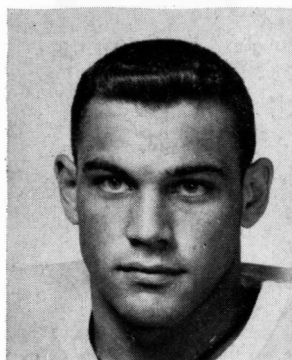
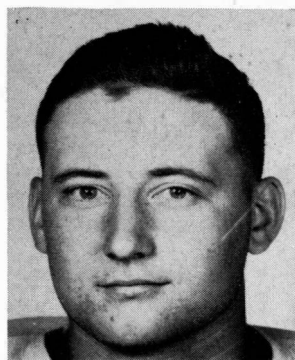
Loss of Pete Franz, heir apparent to the job of All-American Jerry Welch, makes this position a question mark. Franz was accepted for veterinary school at Minnesota. Veteran guard Dick Steiner will get a chance at the position this fall.

Lee Kragenbring, 5-11, 175, 20, Junior, Physical Education. A reserve last year, he saw little game action. Improved rapidly in spring practice. Played at Atwater, Minn., for Darrell Zimmerman.



Ron La Vallee, 6-0, 173, 18, Sophomore, Engineering. Up from frosh squad, he has possibilities. Played six-man football at Lake Andes under Jack Ecklund. Has lots of desire.

Dick Steiner, 6-0, 205, 21, Senior, Wildlife. An all-round athlete, Dick was a fullback in 1953 and a regular guard last year. A good passer, he should make the switch to quarterback gracefully. A good team man, he also is a kickoff and place kick specialist. Played for Coach Cliff Bombeck at Ortonville, Minn.

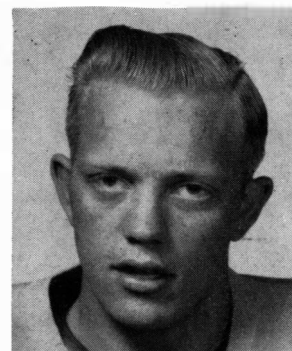
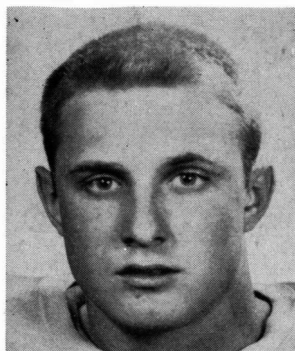


Dave Vicker, 5-10, 170, 19, Junior, Engineering. Regular quarterback on frosh team, also played halfback some. Tough on defense, he looked good in spring game. Played prep ball at Little Falls, Minn.

HALFBACKS

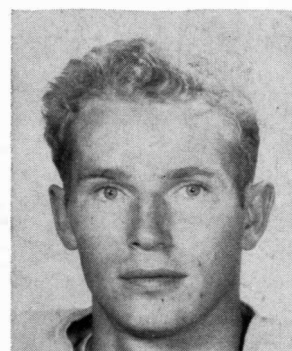
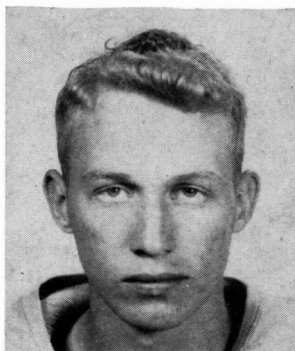
Six lettermen give good depth. Some moves may be made to strengthen other positions. Even the coaches smile at the talent available at these spots.

Tom Broadhurst, 5-9, 161, 20, Junior, Agriculture. A letterman, Tom is a fine little halfback who is a great spot performer. Can pass, kick or run. Plenty tough. Played at Belle Fourche under Coach Clare Lilivigen.



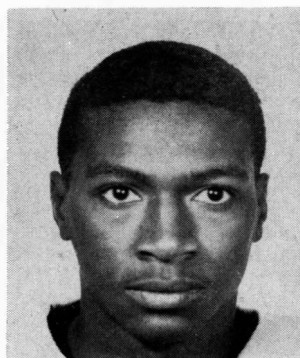
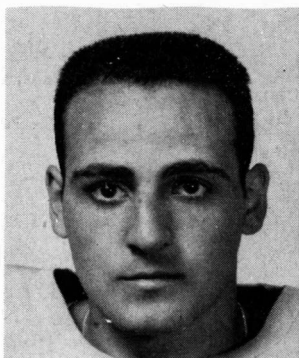
Bill Cone, 6-2, 187, 19, Sophomore, Physical Education. Has the potential to be a great college back. Holds South Dakota prep record in the 440 with :49.6. Clyde Cotton was his coach at Flandreau.

Arnold Johnson, 5-9, 150, 20, Junior, Physical Education. Hampered last year by injuries after starting as first string quarterback. "Nig" had a knee operation last winter. Could be of great value as he does everything well. Married. Harold White was his coach at Brookings.



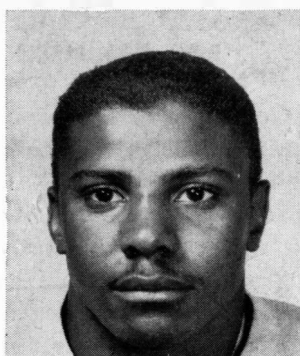
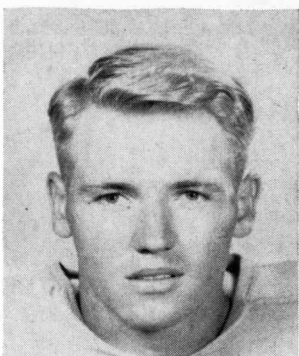
Larry Korver, 6-1, 184, 21, Senior, Physical Education. Co-captain in 1955, "Bubb" made the switch from junior college last year in brilliant fashion. Had top rushing average in league, 10.5 yards per try. Averaged 41.5 yards on punts. Fine halfback. Married. Played at Orange City, Iowa, under Jason Loving.

Lou Lo Presti, 5-10, 160, 18, Sophomore, Physical Education. Up from the frosh squad, he looked good in spring drills. Can pass and has good speed. Played prep ball at Wakefield, Mass.



Bill McDonald, 5-11, 172, 20, Junior, Pharmacy. Twice a letterman. He holds the conference record in the 100-yard dash. A fine halfback, he should have a great year. Ernie Slessinger was his coach at Fifth Ave. high school in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ken McKenzie, 5-10, 168, 20, Senior, Pre-Veterinary. Injured most of last year. A fine offensive performer, he can also handle punting, kickoff and placekicking chores. Glen Burgess was his coach at Gregory.

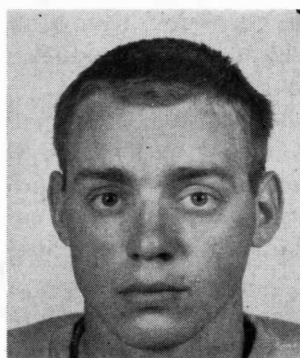
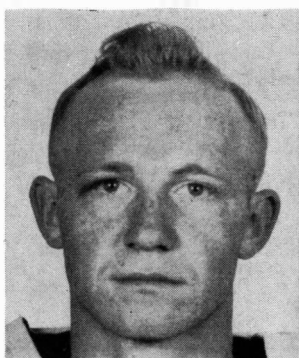


Sam Ruth, 5-9, 175, 19, Sophomore, Engineering. A good prospect up from frosh team, he works hard and has desire. Fast and a good passer, he showed up in spring drills. Played prep ball at Newark, N. J.

FULLBACKS

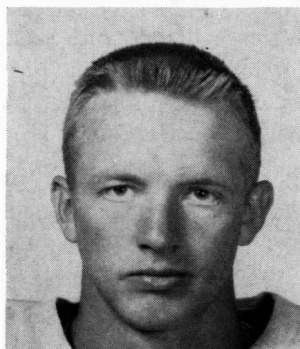
For the past six years, the Jacks have placed their fullback on the all-conference team. The quality again should be excellent, barring injuries. Some changes may be made to get adequate depth.

Ken Ashmore, 5-10, 185, 21, Senior, Economics. Has played quarterback and halfback but may try fullback this year. Hampered by injuries last season after a fine year in 1953. Twice a letterman, he is an excellent punter. Gib Bruns was his coach at Lemmon.

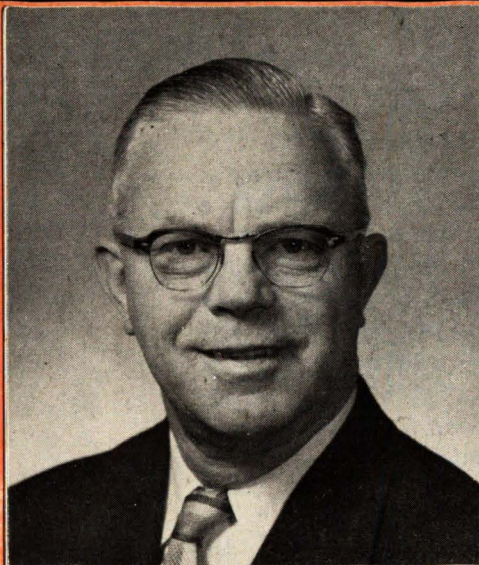


Bob Betz, 6-1, 183, 20, Junior, Engineering. Outstanding last year as a sophomore. Averaged 6.7 yards in rushing. Led team to victory in Iowa Teachers game. His speed and drive mark him a potential great. Married. Played at Madison under Eldon Kellar.

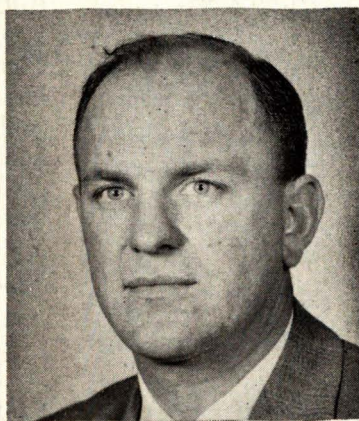
Jim Carter, 5-11, 210, 21, Senior, Social Science. Injured most of the 1954 season, Jim is expected to have a good year. A real blaster with lots of power. Owns two letters. Kenny Greeno was his coach at Redfield.



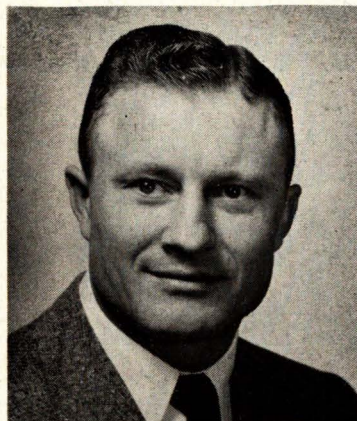
Cliff Groseth, 6-0, 185, 20, Junior, Physical Education. A reserve guard last year, he was moved to guard in spring drills. Has excellent speed. His coach at Center-ville was Stan Marshall.



COACH RALPH GINN



BOB DANIELSEN



ERV HUETHER



HAROLD HOLMES

Destinies of the 1955 State College football team will be guided by a staff of experienced coaches, ably assisted by a group of former Jackrabbit players.

At the helm of the State grid machine for the ninth straight season will be Coach Ralph Ginn. His teams have won four North Central Conference titles, capturing 32 league tilts while losing 10 and tying four. Against all competition during Ginn's eight years as mentor the Jacks have a 48-24-4 record.

Ralph is a graduate of Tarkio (Mo.) College and has a master's degree from Missouri. He began his coaching career at Tarkio high school in 1930 and moved to his alma mater in 1940. He was college coach and physical education director for the army program at Wayne (Neb.) Teachers during the war. In 1944 he moved to Brookings

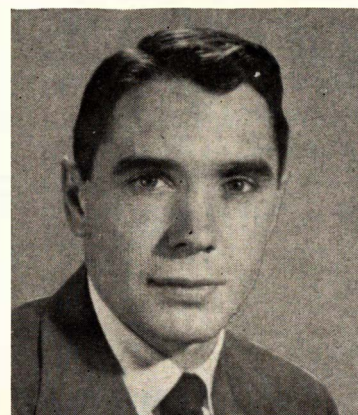
high school and in 1947 took the reins at State College.

Bob Danielsen is line coach and defensive strategist. He played football at Gustavus Adolphus and Minnesota. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Minnesota. Bob is beginning his sixth year at State College, coming here after an excellent record in three years as head coach at Huron College.

Erv Huether is backfield coach and chief scout. He is beginning his seventh year on the State College staff. Erv has a bachelor's degree from Yankton College and a master's from Minnesota. He is baseball coach in the spring.

Harold Holmes works with freshman gridders. He is beginning his sixth year at State College. Another Minnesota product, he has bachelor's and master's degrees from the Gopher school. Harold was on the

R. M. "SOX" WALSETH



Minnesota and Iowa Seahawks teams. He is head wrestling coach.

R. M. "Sox" Walseth, head basketball coach, assists with freshman football. He is a graduate of Pierre high school and Colorado. Sox was assistant basketball coach at Colorado while working for his master's. He joined the State College staff last fall.

EXPERIENCED COACHES

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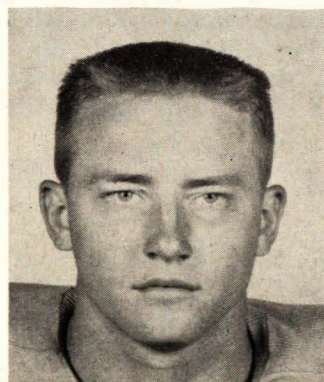
Assisting with the coaching duties will be four former Jackrabbit grid stars. Taking additional work in college are Roger Denker, Dallas

Hoff and Les Gieneart. Bob Durland is on the extension agricultural engineering staff at State College.

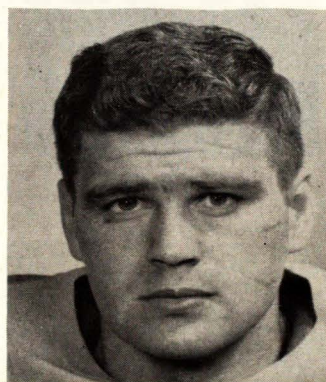
Denker, Durland and Hoff were

all-conference players while Gieneart is the first Jackrabbit player in more than 25 years to play regularly on two undisputed title teams. He was on the 1950 and 1953 teams.

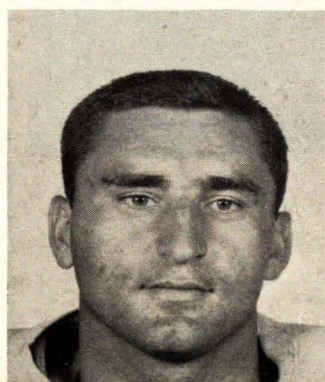
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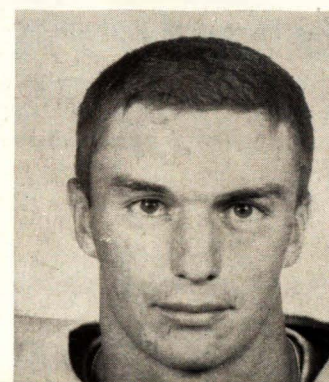
LES GIENEART



DALLAS HOFF



BOB DURLAND



ALL-TIME GRID RECORD

	WON	LOST	TIE	POINTS	OPP.
1889	0	0	1	6	6
1897	0	1	0	0	22
1898	1	1	1	68	11
1899	3	1	0	90	62
1900	4	1	0	128	23
1901	3	2	0	102	44
1902	3	2	0	67	21
1903	1	2	0	28	95
1904	4	2	1	90	27
1905	2	3	0	74	122
1906	3	1	0	52	34
1907	5	2	0	108	42
1908	3	3	1	56	61
1909	1	3	0	61	28
1910	4	2	2	76	64
1911	4	4	0	60	89
1912	2	3	1	46	136
1913	5	3	0	147	82
1914	5	2	0	93	60
1915	5	1	1	163	7
1916	4	2	0	100	76
1917	5	1	0	149	84
1918	No games—War				
1919	4	1	1	78	20
1920	4	2	1	66	27
1921	7	1	0	255	38
1922	5	2	1	202	57
1923	3	4	0	121	85
1924	6	1	0	91	28
1925	2	3	2	20	45
1926	8	0	3	157	24
1927	5	3	1	189	89
1928	9	1	0	230	25
1929	5	4	1	237	55
1930	2	6	1	48	197
1931	6	3	0	194	78
1932	2	5	1	70	96
1933	6	3	0	118	73
1934	6	4	0	189	72
1935	4	4	1	123	92
1936	3	6	1	51	116
1937	4	5	0	102	147
1938	3	5	0	69	109
1939	7	2	0	141	95
1940	4	3	1	78	47
1941	2	5	0	32	131
1942	4	4	0	65	92
1943	No Football				
1944	1	1	0	13	27
1945	1	4	1	51	144
1946	3	3	2	131	76
1947	4	5	0	123	211
1948	4	6	0	107	203
1949	7	3	0	183	175
1950	9	0	1	381	116
1951	8	1	1	311	105
1952	4	4	1	287	230
1953	5	3	1	247	186
1954	7	2	0	338	151
Totals	231	151	30	6862	4658

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

RECORD

	WON	LOST	TIE	POINTS	OPP.	PLACE
1922	4	1	1	111	37	Champion
1923	2	3	0	78	51	Fourth
1924	5	0	0	75	16	Champion
1925	1	1	2	13	25	Fifth
1926	3	0	2	56	14	Champion
1927	2	2	0	90	36	Third
1928	3	1	0	53	19	Second
1929	2	1	1	50	7	Second
1930	1	3	0	13	64	Fourth
1931	2	2	0	33	44	Second
1932	1	2	1	32	31	Fourth
1933	4	0	0	66	15	Champion
1934	2	2	0	65	19	Fourth
1935	1	3	1	39	48	Tie for third
1936	1	4	1	19	59	Seventh
1937	2	3	0	44	58	Fourth
1938	2	3	0	48	76	Fourth
1939	4	1	0	68	53	Co-Champion
1940	2	3	1	16	50	Fifth
1941	1	5	0	18	131	Seventh
1942	3	3	0	45	64	Fourth
1943-45	No Conference competition					
1946	2	1	2	52	18	Third
1947	3	1	0	60	38	Third
1948	2	4	0	53	127	Tie for fourth
1949	5	1	0	129	90	Co-Champion
1950	5	0	1	220	81	Champion
1951	4	1	1	169	84	Second
1952	3	2	1	215	153	Tie for third
1953	5	0	1	208	75	Champion
1954	5	1	0	247	111	Co-Champion
Totals	82	54	16	2384	1694	

THE FINEST HOME SCHEDULE in the history of State College awaits Jackrabbit football fans in 1955. Five home contests are slated with three top North Central Conference foes and two outstanding non-league teams providing the opposition.

Conference teams which will appear at State Field are Iowa Teachers, North Dakota State and South Dakota U., all rated highly in pre-season predictions. Colorful St. Thomas and Wichita U., a rising power in major college grid circles, complete the outstanding home schedule.

1955 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 17 ST. THOMAS (8:00)

SEPT. 24 IOWA TEACHERS (Band Night - 8:00)

OCT. 1 NORTH DAKOTA U. at Grand Forks, N.D.

OCT. 8 AUGUSTANA at Sioux Falls

OCT. 15 WICHITA U. (8:00)

OCT. 22 NORTH DAKOTA STATE
(Parents and Veterans Day - 8:00)

OCT. 29 SOUTH DAKOTA U. (Hobo Day - 2:00)

NOV. 5 MORNINGSIDE at Sioux City, Iowa

NOV. 12 LA CROSSE STATE at LaCrosse, Wisc.

Season tickets reserving the same seat for all games will be \$9.00. Hobo Day tickets will be \$3.00 for a reserved seat, \$2.50 for a seat in a reserved section. General admission for the Wichita game will be \$2.00 and for all other games \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for high school students and 35 cents for grade school students.

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